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1. THESE FOLLOW RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTTEL
CONCERNING NARCOTICS TRAINING FACILITIES IN URUGUAY.
PARA TWO ADDRESSES POLICE FACILITIES AND PARA THREE,
CUSTOMS FACILITIES.

2. POLICE

A. THERE IS A NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM AT THE
MONTEVIDEO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

B. SOME TRAINING IS PROVIDED AT RECRUIT LEVEL AT
THE POLICE TRAINING ACADEMY BUT MUST BE REGARDED AS ONLY
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SUFFICIENT FOR A PATROLMAN TO RECOGNIZE CERTAIN COMMON

DRUGS OF ABUSE AND THEIR EFFECTS. A MORE SOPHISTICATED TRAINING PROGRAM CONSISTING OF 26 HOURS OF CLASSES IS OFFERED TO THOSE ADVANCED POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE INDUCTED INTO INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION (D.N.I.I.) UNDER WHICH THE NARCOTICS BRIGADE IS INCLUDED. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS TRAINING IS LIMITED TO OFFICERS OF THE MONTEVIDEO POLICE ONLY.

C. AS MENTIONED ABOVE EXISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FACILITIES CONSIST OF A BASIC POLICE ACADEMY AND AN ADVANCED SCHOOL FOR INVESTIGATORS ENTERING D.N.I.I.

D. INSTRUCTORS AT BOTH OF THE ABOVE FACILITIES HAVE ATTENDED EITHER THE DEA BASIC AGENTS 6-WEEKS TRAINING COURSE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. OR THE TWO WEEK IN-COUNTRY DEA TRAINING COURSE PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED IN MONTEVIDEO. THE CAPABILITY OF THESE INSTRUCTORS WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ASSESS WITHOUT ACTUALLY OBSERVING THEM IN THE CLASSROOM. HOW-
EVER, THE URUGUAYAN POLICE OFFICERS IN GENERAL HAVE USUALLY APPEARED EAGER TO LEARN AND ARE OSNA RATHER HIGH CALIBER EDUCATION-WISE. THEY HAVE OBVIOUSLY BENEFITED FROM THE PREVIOUS BASIC DEA TRAINING EXPERIENCE.

E. DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS DEA HAS PROVIDED TRAINING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR 13 URUGUAYAN OFFICERS AT THE BASIC SIX-WEEKS LEVEL. DEA FURTHER PROVIDED A TWO-WEEK IN-COUNTRY BASIC COURSE FOR THE MONTEVIDEO POLICE.

F. MEASURABLE RESULTS OF PRIOR TRAINING EXPERIENCE CAN PERHAPS BE BEST JUDGED BY INTANGIBLES SUCH AS THE EXTREMELY LOW INCIDENCE OF DRUG ABUSE IN URUGUAY AND THE ABSENCE OF MAJOR TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. THEY MAY BE FURTHERERUGEJNYY THE CLOSE COOPERATION THAT URUGUAY HAS PROVIDED THE USG IN EXPELLING MAJOR TRAFFICKING FIGURES AND PROVIDING EVIDENCE AGAINST THESE INDIVIDUALS.

G. THE HOST COUNTRY WOULD ACCEPT A PROGRAM TO DEVE-
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LOP ITS OWN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM. THIS PROPOSAL HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE HEAD OF THE NARCOTICS BRIGADE AND DEA/TRI HAS INDICATED ITS INTEREST IN PROVIDING SUCH TRAINING. EFFORTS TO GET THE PROGRAM MOVING ARE NOW UNDERWAY.

H. THE MAXIMUM RESULTS OF A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR INSTRUCTORS WOULD BE ACHIEVED BY AN IN-COUNTRY

PRESENTATION OF THE COURSE. THIS POINT WAS SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED WITH COMISARIO CAMPOS WHO CONCURS THAT BY HAVING AN IN-COUNTRY COURSE POTENTIAL INSTRUCTORS FROM THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS (PROVINCES) COULD BE INCLUDED. TRAINING IS DESPERATELY NEEDED IN THESE OUTLYING AREAS WHOSE OFFICERS HAVE NEVER BEEN EXPOSED TO ANY FORM OF DRUG TRAINING. COMISARIO CAMPOS ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT 30 OFFICERS WOULD ATTEND SUCH A COURSE.

I. SINCE THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES OF URUGUAY ARE ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL, THE FEASIBILITY OF URUGUAY CONDUCTING REGIONAL TRAINING FOR THEM IS VERY LIMITED.

3. CUSTOMS

A. THE URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS DOES HAVE A NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM. NEW CUSTOMS AGENTS RECEIVE THIRTY DAYS OF TRAINING. THOSE WHO ARE TO BE INSPECTORS RECEIVE A ONE WEEK INTENSIVE PROGRAM ON NARCOTICS.

B. SIMILAR NARCOTICS TRAINING HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE NATIONAL MARITIME POLICE BY THE CUSTOMS TRAINING INSTITUTE. CUSTOMS TRAINING, INCLUDING NARCOTICS, WAS SET UP AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL WHERE IT REMAINS, AS THIS IS A UNITARY GOVERNMENT WITH ONE CUSTOMS BUREAU. HOWEVER, TRAINING PROVIDED IN PUNTA DEL ESTE AND A PROGRAM SCHEDULED AT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES LINKING ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY IN MARCH, 1977, IS THE ONLY TRAINING COMPLETED OR PROJECTED OUTSIDE MONTEVIDEO. THE TRAINING INSTITUTE IS ALSO TRAINING INSTRUCTORS FOR OUTLYING AREAS BUT NARCOTICS WILL NOT BE GIVEN THE SCIENTIFIC TREATMENT PROVIDED HERE FOR LACK OF VISUAL

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AIDS EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL.

C. CUSTOMS DOES NOT HAVE GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING. HOWEVER, ITS TRAINING FACILITY OFFERS NOT ONLY THE ABOVE BUT ALSO SEMINARS AND SHORT COURSES IN TAXATION AND OTHER CUSTOMS-RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES. THE FACILITY ALSO PRODUCES MANUALS FOR CUSTOMS AGENTS.

D. THE URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS INSTRUCTORS HAVE EXCELLENT PREPARATION IN GENERAL. THEY ARE NOT ONLY PEOPLE WITH A SOLID EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND BUT ALSO ARE SCHOOLED AS INSTRUCTORS IN COURSES OFFERED HERE IN 1975 AND 1976 BY U.S. CUSTOMS.

E. U.S. CUSTOMS HAS PROVIDED URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS CON-

SIDERABLE TRAININIWQ THE PAST THREE YEARS. TWO WEEK IN-COUNTRY SCHOOLS IN 1974, 1975 AND 1976 WERE AUGMENTED BY INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSES IN 1975 AND 1976. SOME OF THESE INSTRUCTORS NOW FORM PART OF THE CADRE OF THE FULL-TIME, FULLY STAFFED CUSTOMS TRAINING INSTITUTE WHICH BECAME OPERATIONAL EARLIER THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION, SIX URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ATTENDED THE U.S. CUSTOMS'S FIVE WEEK MID-MANAGEMENT SCHOOL.

F. SEE 2F ABOVE.

G. NOT APPLICABLE. U.S. CUSTOMS HAS ALREADY ASSISTED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL TRAINING INSTITUTION WHICH HAS BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT.

H. NOT APPLICABLE.

I. WE BELIEVE THE URUGUAYANS COULD AND WOULD CONDUCT REGIONAL TRAINING. TO DO SO, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD PROBABLY NEED SOME FURTHER SUPPORT, SUCH AS ADDITIONAL TRAINING AIDS, FROM US. HOWEVER, AS NOTED IN PARA 2, THEIR NEIGHBORS ARE ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL AND URUGUAY WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO HANDLE THE VOLUME OF TRAINERS EITHER OF ITS NEIGHBORS MIGHT DESIRE.
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